NEARLY 1,000 SEXUAL ASSAULTS REPORTED IN THE CANADIAN MILITARY THIS YEAR

metroNEWS

This is how bad it *really* is in this city

Renters' nightmare official

metroNEWS

Toronto metro

Your essential daily news | TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016 | High 12°C/Low 7°C Cloudy

THE NEW BATTLE OVER CHRISTMAS

Corporations sniffing around Distillery District's non-profit market

metroNEWS

No one stands up to racist rant

BIGOTRY IN TORONTO

Woman left alone to deal with abuse in TD bank lineup

Stephanie Kim says she's experienced racism before, but she was caught off guard by a series of racial slurs she experienced while standing in line at a bank on Friday.

Kim, 27, was waiting to speak with a teller at a TD branch, located at Queen Street W. and Spadina Avenue, when she says she heard a man standing behind her making "weird noises" in her direction.

"I looked straight at him and he said 'hey chinky, chinky can you grant me a wish, chink?'" said Kim. "I ignored it at first, kind of brushed it off, didn't really know what to do and then he kept hounding me essentially, being like 'can you grant me a wish chink?'"

Kim, who is ethnically Korean, said she told the man to stop, but he responded by saying "we can do anything to you guys" and "we own you."

> We can do anything we want to you guys. We own you.
> Attacker

The man was white, in his late 20s or early 30s, she said, and his clothing "looked tattered." He wore a bandana, a baggy shirt and jeans, which hung low, and held a hat in his hand.

She said there were fewer than a dozen people in the branch who might've heard the slurs, including four people waiting in line.

"Nobody really did anything, nobody acknowledged it. I was staring at people, they were staring at me," she said. "They just kind of looked at me with pity."

Once Kim was at the front of the line she explained what happened to the teller, who didn't seem to understand the slur, she said. When she finished banking, she approached another staff member to ask about the branch's security, and pointed out the man who had called her a "chink."

Kim said the staff member apologized and explained the man was known to the bank, but there was nothing they could do because he was a client.

"I'm like, 'I understand that but I'm also a client,'" she said. "I literally at that point felt like a second-class citizen."

After phoning the branch later on Friday to initiate a formal complaint, she said the branch manager called her Monday morning to apologize.

"We regret that our customer has had this experience and we are equally concerned about this situation," said TD spokesperson Daria Hill in a statement.

Nicole Simes, a lawyer with MacLeod Law Firm, said businesses aren't necessarily responsible for racial slurs or discriminatory comments made between members of the public at their institution.

"Where they become liable is what they do in response," Simes said. "Dealing with these kinds of racism in a way that further perpetuates them or doesn't take the complaint seriously can be a problem."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Introducing Bell Total Connect for small business.

Bell Total Connect and Business Internet delivered on the Fibe™ network:

FROM $84.95/MO.[1]
For new customers on a 36-month term

- Work seamlessly on any device – desk phone, laptop, smartphone
- Business phone with 14 calling features + unlimited N.A. long distance[2]
- Manage all your messages as emails with Voicemail to Email
- Business Fibe Internet 25 + unlimited usage + amazing Wi-Fi coverage[3]
- Online security, IT support, Data backup[4]
- The latest features updated through the cloud

Do more and make more every day with Bell – the service provider more Ontario businesses choose than any other.[5]

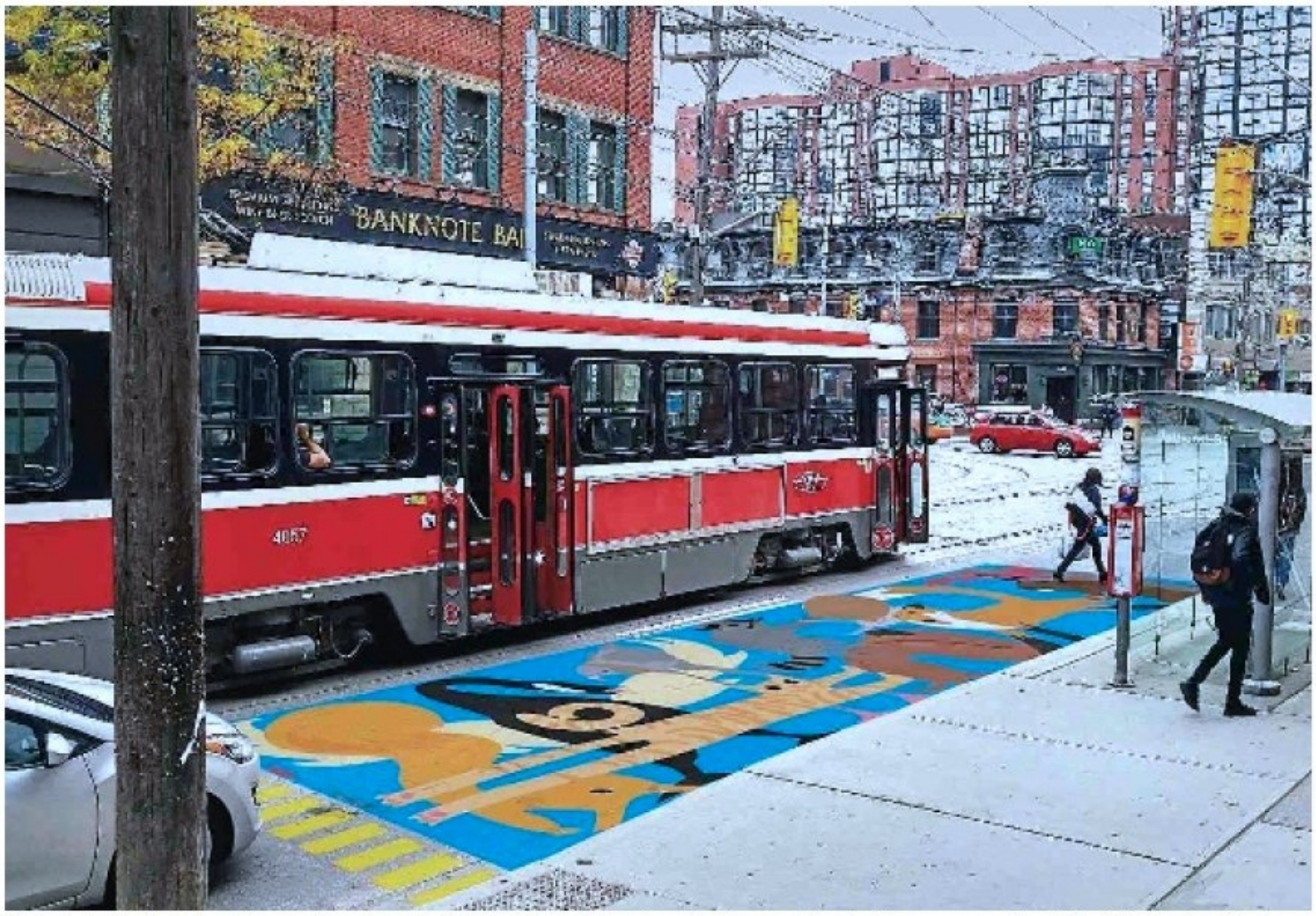
Call 1 866 530-1767 or visit bell.ca/btc

Bell doing business just got better

Offer ends December 31, 2016. Available to new customers in Ontario, where access and technology permit and where business phone service is not CRTC-regulated. Subject to change without notice and cannot be combined with any other offer. Installation fees of $80 for Internet and $125 for Bell Total Connect. Taxes extra. Other conditions apply. Fibe is a trademark of Bell Canada. (1) Subject to a 36-month term with Internet download speeds of up to 25 Mbps and upload speeds of up to 10 Mbps and Bell Total Connect Go package. Early cancellation charges apply. (2) Includes: 1. Call Display, 2. Call Blocking, 3. Enterprise Directory, 4. Call Trace, 5. 3 Way Calling, 6. Call Transfer, 7. Speed Dial, 8. Call Forwarding, 9. Do Not Disturb, 10. Call Waiting, 11. Last Number Redial, 12. Call Hold, 13. Call Park/Pick-up, 14. Voicemail. Unlimited long distance minutes apply to direct-dialled outbound calls to Canada and the continental U.S., incl. Alaska and Hawaii; excl. toll-free calls. Calls to certain conference or adult services or to high-cost areas may be restricted. (3) Unlimited usage is subject to the Business Terms of Service; see bell.ca/businesstermsofservice. Wi-Fi modem rental included. Speeds and signal strength may vary with your configuration, Internet traffic, server, environmental conditions or other factors. (4) Includes 1 license of Total Protect (Internet Protect, Data Protect and PC Protect). Subject to technical requirements; see bell.ca/totalprotection. (5) Based on a survey of businesses in Ontario by Nielsen.

metro NEWS
Your essential daily news

Dictionary.com's word of the year is darkly appropriate. **World**



The artists behind a pitch to paint murals on the road adjacent to streetcar stops hope it will prevent disembarking passengers from being hit by careless drivers.
CONTRIBUTED

Artists get creative with colourful safety solution

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Chief planner approves mural proposal for streetcar stops

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A bit of colour could be coming to the streetcar stop nearest you.

A new proposal to paint the pavement adjacent to streetcar stops has won this year's NXT City award — and received the public backing of Toronto's chief planner.

Local artists Lucas DeClavasio and Andrew Patterson came up with the idea as a way to improve safety along Toronto's busy streetcar routes.

According to Toronto police, a person is hit while exiting the streetcar at least once a month.

The fine for passing an open streetcar door is $110.

As a regular Dundas streetcar user, Patterson says he's witnessed how "dangerous" it can be.

"Drivers and cyclists are always passing a streetcar's open doors," he said. "I think it's very unsafe when you step out, you check out both ways but you never know when someone is going to fly by."

According to Patterson, painting the roadway near streetcar stops could help grab drivers' attention and get them to slow down — something he says the signs on the back of streetcars have failed to do.

The pitch has been endorsed by Toronto's chief planner, Jennifer Keesmaat, who tweeted her support for the idea over the weekend.

"Beautify Toronto and make it safer, too," Keesmaat said.

It's not clear yet how many murals would be created or where they would be located, but Patterson said the King, Queen and Dundas routes are a top priority.

With a $5,000 grant from NXT City in hand, the two artists will start putting together their official pitch to the city, and could be painting as early as the spring.

"There's definitely room for creativity," Patterson said of the murals' design.

NXT CITY PRIZE PROGRAM

This is the second year of NXT City prize program, which gives young city builders an opportunity to redesign public spaces.

Last year the $5,000 award went to The Urban Dock project, which aims to install pop-up docks along the lake shore, improving access to Lake Ontario.

GOOGLE MAPS

'Dump' Tower

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

The name of Toronto's Trump International Hotel and Tower was cheekily changed over the weekend on Google Maps.

The Trump tower on Bay Street was briefly renamed "Dump International Hotel and Tower," on the digital map service Sunday.

The names of other Trump-branded buildings in New York and Vancouver were also changed.

"Some inappropriate names were surfacing in Google Maps that should not be, and we apologize for any offense this may have caused. Our teams immediately took action and have fixed the issue," read a statement from Google Maps Monday.

Google declined to comment on exactly how the hack occurred, or whether it originated from inside or outside the company.

Google Maps data comes from a variety of sources, including user contributions, and sometimes inaccuracies can arise, a spokesperson told Metro.

Trump himself has not yet publicly commented on the name switch.

If you wanted directions to Toronto's Trump International Hotel and Tower on Sunday, you might have been a bit confused. GOOGLE SCREENSHOT

Tory guards Gardiner work

INFRASTRUCTURE

Mayor won't reopen debate on fixing it, despite costs

Mayor John Tory won't support reopening the debate over the Gardiner Expressway even though the cost to fix it has ballooned by $1 billion and there is uncertainty over federal funding.

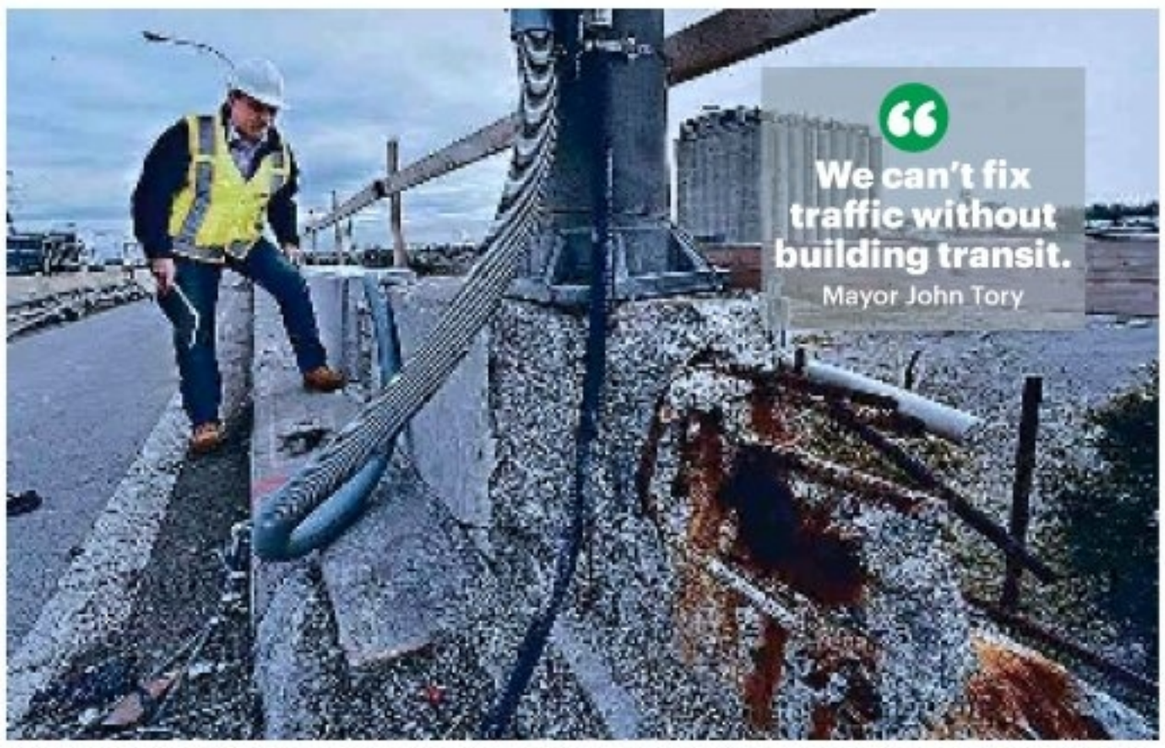
"We have had discussions on a number of these projects over and over and over again," Tory said Monday.

"No matter what decision is made, no matter by how big a margin at city council, there are always those who want to reopen them."

Last week, city staff released a report saying the estimated cost to repair the entire Gardiner had jumped from $2.6 billion to $3.6 billion.

That includes an added $468 million to rebuild the 1.7-kilometre section east of Jarvis St., which now has a price tag of $1.4 billion.

In 2015, council narrowly voted 24-21 to rebuild that section rather than the cheaper alternative of tearing it down and replacing it with a boulevard.



Last week, city staff released a report saying the estimated cost to repair the entire Gardiner had jumped to $3.6 billion from $2.6 billion. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Nevertheless, Tory said Monday that council's decision stands and it's now time to get on with rehabilitating the Gardiner, including using revenue generated from tolls paid by motorists using the expressway and the Don Valley Parkway.

The Gardiner is "going to be part of our transportation infrastructure going forward for a long time to come," he said, adding "at least we're getting realistic numbers now."

And Tory said while the cost was also adjusted to reflect some "uncertainty about some federal money," he still believes the funds could be forthcoming.

The mayor was speaking to reporters after touring the new York University subway station, slated to open in December 2017. The backdrop was to show that new transit projects can get built — as long as there's money to foot the bill.

Last week, the city manager released a report recommending council consider a series of revenue tools including putting road tolls on the Gardiner and DVP, measures Tory supports.

A suggested $2 toll would raise close to $5 billion over 30 years, according to city staff.

The honest thing to say is "we can't fix traffic without building transit, and we can't build transit without telling you it's not free," Tory told reporters standing next to an entrance into the sprawling university campus.

Tory previously opposed road tolls but says it came down to three options to pay for the city's share in $33 billion unfunded capital projects: a "massive" increase in property taxes, selling assets, or introducing revenue tools, such as tolls, which he called more "reasonable." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SCARBOROUGH

Homes now safe from subway plan

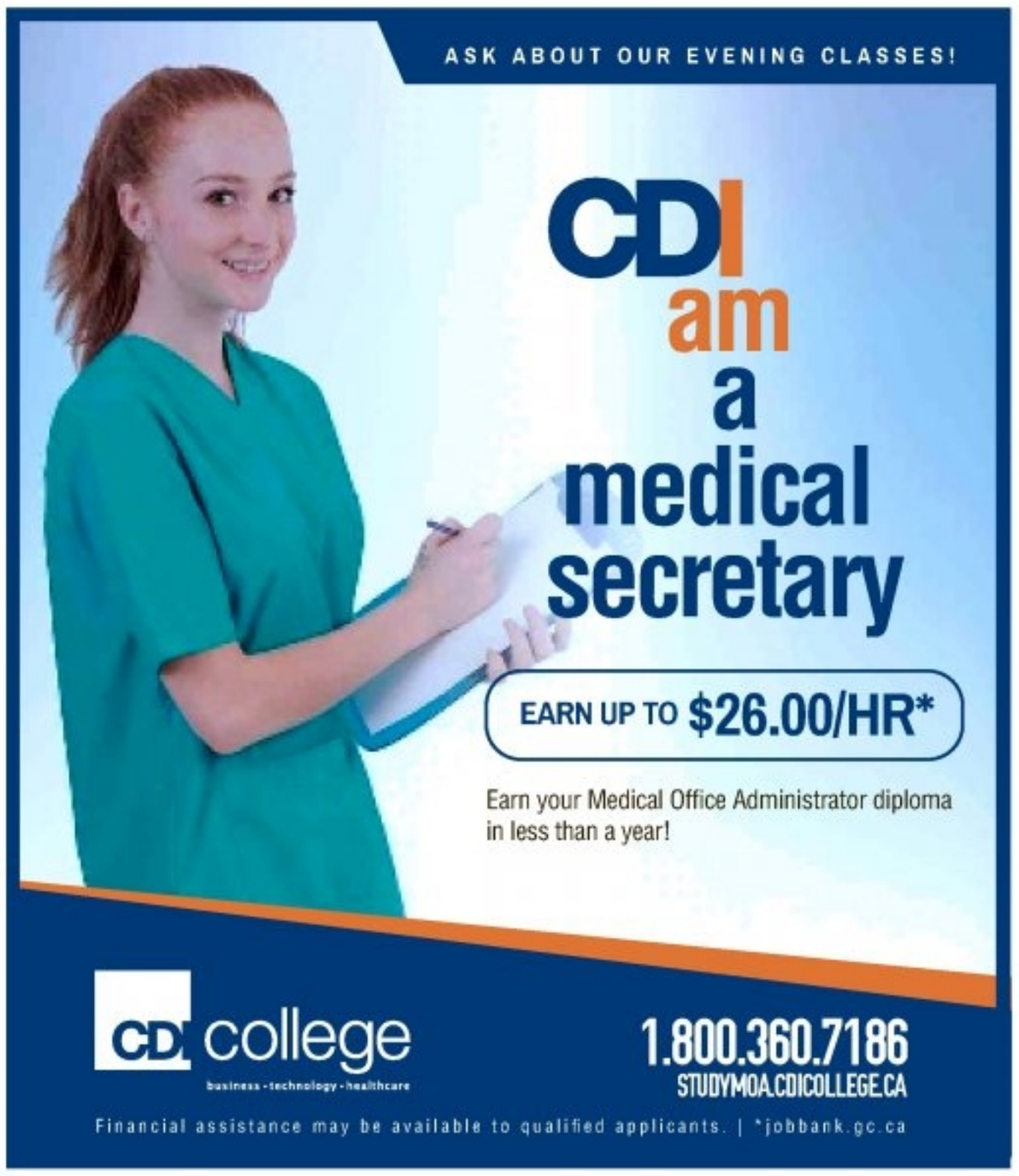
Residents in the path of the Scarborough subway extension are no longer in danger of losing their homes.

The TTC sent notices to about a dozen property owners near the intersection of McCowan and Ellesmere roads last week, alerting them that their land would no longer be required to make way for a construction staging site for the controversial transit project.

In May, the TTC told residents of 11 homes on Stanwell Dr. that their properties might need to be expropriated for a tunnel staging site. A further 23 properties were facing partial expropriation.

Coun. Glenn De Baeremaeker (Ward 38, Scarborough Centre) said he was "thrilled" by the TTC's decision, and declared that the transit agency had "avoided a huge mistake."

The TTC had originally planned to set up two construction sites, one near the Scarborough Town Centre and another in the vicinity of Ellesmere and McCowan. Its now planning to consolidate its work sites in the parking lot to the east of the Town Centre. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



WE NEED MALES & FEMALES
Are you a healthy, non-smoking,
MALE OR FEMALE 18 AND OVER?
• Free of daily medications?
If so, you may be eligible for our upcoming clinical research studies:
• We conduct weekdays as well as weekend studies.
• Compensation may range from $1,000 to $4,000 depending on the length of the study.
BioPharma SERVICES INC.
Research. Results. Reliability.
CALL: 416-747-5246
Toll Free: 1-866-747-5246
Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat-Sun: 10am-6pm
4000 Weston Road, Toronto | www.biopharmaservices.com

TODAY ONLY!

Tuesday, November 29

IN STORE AND AT THEBAY.COM

FREE ONLINE SHIPPING ON ORDERS OF $99 OR MORE*

70% off

Gold and Pearl fine jewellery**

Plus, 60% off

diamond and gemstone fine jewellery**

HUDSON'S BAY

0% **PAY NO INTEREST FOR 2 YEARS**
WITH 24 EASY MONTHLY PAYMENTS & NO ADDITIONAL FEES!
See below for details.

No rain checks and no price adjustments. No pre-orders or telephone orders. Offer available while quantities last. Cannot be combined with other offers. Selection may vary by store. Savings are off our regular prices unless otherwise specified. Excludes Hudson's Bay Company Collection. See in store for details. ***FREE SHIPPING:** Receive free standard shipping on a total purchase amount of $99 or more before taxes. Offer is based on merchandise total and does not include taxes or any additional charges. Free standard shipping is applied after discounts and/or promotion code offers. Offer not valid at Hudson's Bay or any other HBC stores. Additional fees apply for Express or Next Day Shipping. Applies to Canadian delivery addresses only. Excludes furniture, canoes, patio furniture, patio accessories, barbeques and mattresses. ****Gold and Pearl fine jewellery** excludes Diamond and Gemstone fine jewellery, Concerto, V19.69 Italia, Catherine Malandrino, Korite, Naledi Bridal, Ginette NY, Judith Ripka, Ivanka Trump, Alor Fine Jewellery and items with 99¢ price endings. **Diamond and Gemstone fine jewellery** excludes Gold and Pearl fine jewellery, Concerto, V19.69 Italia, Catherine Malandrino, Korite, Naledi Bridal, Ginette NY, Judith Ripka, Ivanka Trump, Alor Fine Jewellery and items with 99¢ price endings. **SPECIAL PAYMENT PLANS:** On approved credit only. Available on selected merchandise when you use your Hudson's Bay MasterCard® or Hudson's Bay Credit Card. Minimum purchase $500 (before taxes). Applicable on in-store purchases only. Equal monthly payments required. See store for details. Hudson's Bay, Hudson's Bay Credit, Home Outfitters, hbc.com and their associated designs are trademarks of Hudson's Bay Company. **Credit is extended by Capital One Bank (Canada Branch).** Capital One is a registered trademark of Capital One Financial Corporation, used under license. MasterCard and the MasterCard Brand Mark are registered trademarks of MasterCard International Incorporated.

The reality of renting

We love to debate which city has it worse when it comes to rent. Based on new numbers released Monday by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the red-hot real estate market in Vancouver still has the edge over Toronto, but the gap is closing.

	TORONTO	VANCOUVER
Average overall vacancy rate:	Decreased to 1.3 per cent	Decreased to 0.7 per cent
Average rent:	$1,233	$1,223
Average rent increase since Oct 2015:	Up by 3.1 per cent	Up by 6.4 per cent
Average rent of bachelor:	$957	$1,013
Average rent one bedroom:	$1,132	$1,159
Average rent two bedroom:	$1,327	$1,450
Average rent three or more bedroom:	$1,515	$1,631

HOUSING

Higher prices and reduced availability

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

The new report from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation confirms what many of Toronto's increasingly desperate apartment hunters already know.

The average cost of renting in the city has jumped 3.1 per cent from last year, according to new figures released Monday by the CMHC, while the vacancy rate of available units decreased to 1.3 per cent.

The average rent for a one-bedroom apartment is now $1,132.

As the gap between the cost of renting and owning grows, it's keeping more people renting instead of buying that first home, the report says.

The squeeze means it's time to look at creative solutions to help people, especially millennials, stuck between rising rental prices and increasingly out-of-reach housing prices, said urban designer Ken Greenberg.

"The private market is never going to touch that last, let's say 30 per cent of the population, that, even if they have jobs they're not making enough money," he said.

Instead we should be looking at solutions beyond just subsidized public housing and private rentals, such as non-equity co-ops where people pay based on their income, he said.

For Scott Andison president and CEO of Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario, the rising prices point to the need for more supply, especially of purpose built-rentals.

"Our issues are a lot of government regulation and red tape getting in the way of new development happening," he said.

3.1%

The average cost of renting in Toronto has jumped 3.1 per cent from last year according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Andison said the "shadow market" of investors renting out condos has averted a full-blown housing crisis in Toronto, but it's much less secure housing than units built specifically for rental.

Despite more people renting, Derek Burleton, Vice President and deputy chief economist for TD, said there's still a "stigma" attached to it.

That needs to change, he said, as it's leading to people taking on too much debt just to buy a home.

"The shift is going to be towards renting in the next five years," he said speaking to a crowd of industry representatives at a panel discussion hosted Ryerson's City Building Institute on housing affordability.

"I think that's needed."

RICK MERCER REPORT
TONIGHT Rick's a knight in shining armour when he goes medieval at the Feast of the Hare in Ottawa.
#rickmercerreport
ALL NEW EPISODE
TONIGHT 8
8:30 NT
RMR

Dr. Samantha Green is pushing the city to address the "social determinants" of health. CONTRIBUTED

TRANSPORTATION

Self-driving cars coming to streets here

Self-driving vehicles are hitting Ontario streets, after the province became the first in Canada to open a pilot project to test the automated vehicles on public roads.

Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca announced the program's first three participants Monday, saying they will be working with different levels of automation.

"We are working towards full automation," he said.

"I think everyone here can see a world in which that will one day be the reality, but the Ministry of Transportation's primary responsibility, in addition to trying to enable positive outcomes with this kind of technology, is also road safety."

Under the pilot project, a driver with the appropriate licence must remain in the driver's seat at all times to monitor its operation and must follow the rules of the road.

The University of Waterloo's Centre for Automotive Research will test a Lincoln MKZ, auto manufacturer the Erwin Hymer Group will test a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Van and QNX, a software subsidiary of BlackBerry, will test a 2017 Lincoln.

The pilot is set to run for 10 years.

Del Duca said the project gives Ontario "the opportunity to be a world leader in automated technology."

"Frankly, there's excitement in every corner of the province about the fact that we are not only embracing this technology, but in the Canadian context we're leading on it," he said. "I think that the possibilities are limitless at this point." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Social ills top priority

Everyday Political Citizens

Doctor says problems bigger than just health

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

When it comes to tackling poverty, Dr. Samantha Green is tired of "Band-Aid" solutions.

A family doctor at St. Michael's Hospital in downtown Toronto, Green spends her days tackling health problems in one of the city's poorest postal codes.

She also works with Health Providers Against Poverty to offer health-care services to those using Toronto's shelter system.

The experience has shown her how deeply intertwined a person's health is with their socioeconomic status.

"The patients that I see are often marginalized and living in poverty. They're facing systemic barriers to good health, like low incomes and racism," she said.

Green uses her position as a doctor to advocate for a broader approach to health care, one that considers the "social determinants" of health. "We screen for smoking all the time, because we know it leads to poor health outcomes. So we should be screening for poverty or precarious housing and using that in our decision making," she says.

Her efforts have been recognized by Samara Canada, which has nominated her for this year's Everyday Political Citizen award.

"If more Canadian medical professionals had her selfless attitude, imagine how much healthier Canadian society would be," said Everyday Political Citizen juror Jonathan Kay.

ABOUT THIS SERIES

EVERY YEAR, Samara Canada's Everyday Political Citizen project honours Canadians making positive changes in their communities.

The winner of the 2016 contest will be announced Dec. 8. Metro is profiling the seven nominees in the Greater Toronto Area.

TORONTO MOBILE VETERINARY SERVICES

Follow Dr. Tina on YouTube

Professional & friendly veterinary care all in the comfort of your own home!! We provide general, emergency and procedural services and much more!! **Open after-hours, weekends and holidays.**

Call 647.389.4VET (4838) OR visit www.tomobilevet.com for an appointment TODAY!!

NEXT STOP:

GORMLEY

Union | Oriole | Old Cummer | Langstaff | Richmond Hill | GORMLEY

Starting December 5, 2016 we're introducing GO service to the new Gormley GO Station in Richmond Hill. With train and bus service, plenty of parking and a brand new station, there's more reasons to GO.

To learn more visit
gotransit.com/gormley

Pour plus de renseignements veuillez visiter le site gotransit.com

METROLINX

EDUCATION

Wilde library book fine with happy ending

U of T student Joe Howell returned The Importance of Being Earnest and Other Plays to Robarts Library after accruing $2,000 in late fees. DYLAN C. ROBERTSON/FOR METRO

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Toronto

A University of Toronto student was fined more than $2,000 this month after returning his library book a decade late.

Fortunately, library staff opted not to throw the book at him.

English student Joe Howell left his studies for a full-time job in 2009, forgetting about a copy of Oscar Wilde's plays he checked out in 2006.

During a recent visit to Robarts Library, staff told Howell he'd accrued $2,000 in late fees.

"I was hoping that like Oscar Wilde, they were making some sort of joke," said Howell.

Luckily, the university dropped the fee down to $50. The book itself, The Importance of Being Earnest and Other Plays, sells for $15.

"He was a pretty panicked guy," Terry Correia, the library's loan services supervisor, said with a chuckle.

Correia says students come forward "at least once a week" with $100 or more in fines. They often find out after graduating, when they can't get a transcript because of unpaid fines.

"We try to be reasonable," said Correia.

Howell says it's a cautionary tale for anyone with a nagging feeling they've forgotten about their books: "I'm glad that this little drama ended up being a comedy and not a tragedy."

Hallmark's truck is parked outside the Distillery District's Christmas Market. Hallmark was giving away free hot chocolate and greeting cards. HINA ALAM/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Plan for the holidays with double the data.

Shop early and double your data on our new future-ready Smartphone 45 LTE plan. Our new traffic-free LTE network is launching in Toronto and Vancouver and will expand to our other markets during 2017.

$45 $40 PER MONTH
FOR 12 MONTHS. OFFER ENDS SOON.

- 3GB of data + 3GB bonus*
- Unlimited Canada/U.S. talk
- Unlimited global text
- Low international calling starting at 1¢/minute

Freedom mobile

For details, visit freedommobile.ca

LG V20

Learn more at freedommobile.ca. Smartphone 45 LTE plan and $60 service credit offer are available for a limited time and are subject to change or cancellation without notice. *Bonus 3GB of data per month will only be applied to the plan until January 31, 2018. To be eligible for the $60 service credit, you must activate a new Pay Before or Pay After line on a plan with a monthly charge of $45 or $55. A $5 monthly credit will be applied to your account for up to 12 months to a maximum of $60. The credits will start to be applied to your account as a top-up before tax on your 2nd top-up date (for Pay Before customers) or as a bill adjustment before tax on your 2nd bill (for Pay After customers). May not be combined with any other in-market offer, with some exceptions. Additional terms and conditions apply. LG V20 is a registered trademark of LG Electronics Inc. Screen image simulated. The Freedom Mobile name and logos and other words, titles, phrases, marks, logos, icons, graphics are trademarks of, or are used under license by, Freedom Mobile Inc.

Christmas Market discontent

DISTILLERY DISTRICT

Large retailers encroaching on annual event, organizers say

Along with hot chocolate and mulled wine, it seems discontent is also brewing at the Distillery District's Christmas Market.

Organizers say they are upset that some large retailers took advantage of the big crowds heading for the festive spot by parking, for free, outside the market to promote their brands, instead of paying to be inside.

"They are capitalizing on our hard work, our marketing, our staff, and our idea," said Mathew Rosenblatt, the executive producer of the Toronto Christmas Market.

"Is it illegal to do what they've done?" Rosenblatt asked. "No, it's not illegal. But I don't think it is overly ethical."

> **It's not illegal. But I don't think it is overly ethical.**
> Mathew Rosenblatt

On Sunday, Hallmark — which Rosenblatt said was invited to be a corporate sponsor, but declined — had a truck parked by Mill and Trinity Streets. They were giving out free hot chocolate and greeting cards, but the company's director of marketing and business insight said they weren't taking business away from the market.

"We weren't selling anything, we were giving stuff away," Hallmark's Dan Bengert said.

"If we hadn't been there, we would've been somewhere else. They still wouldn't have had any corporate sponsorship from us. Nobody did not go into the market because they (received) a free greeting card. We didn't take anything away. That's his perspective. But it's wrong."

Rosenblatt also said Nordstrom's, which has just opened two Toronto stores, also had a truck. The store had a hot cocoa truck out from Nov. 14 to 25, visiting a number of places around the city, and was at the Market on Nov. 18 and 25, said spokesman John Bailey.

"We're sorry to hear that by being outside the Holiday Market, the organizers felt we were being opportunistic and trying to avoid sponsorship," Bailey said. "That most definitely wasn't our intent. We would have been glad to learn more about the event and look at options for a formal partnership."

The historic area's Christmas market has become incredibly popular. On Sunday evening, it was packed as mothers with strollers, fathers with children on their shoulders and couples holding hands squeezed through the crowds. This year's market began Nov. 18 and runs until Dec. 22.

There are more than 40 sponsors listed on the Christmas Market's website, and many of them have a presence inside.

Rosenblatt said corporate sponsorship, which can range anywhere between $35,000 to $100,000, helps make the market possible and affordable. Rosenblatt added that the market is non-profit with proceeds from the current year going into setting up the market the following year, and any excess funds being donated to charity.

Bengert explained that the truck was part of a three-day event where Hallmark set up a "mobile pop-up" in different parts of the city, giving out free holiday cards. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

It's time to PLAY for indigenous youth

GRANT

$1M supports initiatives in 88 communities

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Indigenous youth in Toronto will soon be hitting the field, rink or pitch, thanks to a sizable donation from Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment

The Promoting Life-skills in Aboriginal Youth (PLAY) program will receive a $1-million grant from MLSE Tuesday to support its initiatives in 88 communities across the country.

"This kind of support is tremendous for us to create some consistency," said PLAY's director Rose Lipton. "We want to make sure we're not just going in and out of these communities, but develop some long-term projects for these kids."

A branch of Right to Play Canada, the program partners with indigenous communities to train local youth leaders, who in turn act as mentors. All activities are play-based, from dance skills to amateur baseball and soccer.

In Toronto, the program works with the First Nations School near Dundas and Broadview.

As part of the donation celebration, 40 PLAY participants will take part in a basketball development clinic Tuesday at the Hershey Centre, before watching a Raptors 905 game against the Fort Wayne Mad Ants from a suite.

Kids from indigenous communities across the country get a chance to participate in sport through PLAY programs. CONTRIBUTED

FORT YORK BLVD.

Basketball on the roof in vertical community

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Green space can be hard to find in a city as dense as Toronto, but a planned community centre in CityPlace looks to provide just that, by thinking vertically.

The Canoe Landing Community Recreation Centre on Fort York Blvd. will have a 6,000-square-metre green roof, with plans for a basketball court and outdoor deck space.

Peter Duckworth-Pilkington a principal at Zas Architects and Interiors, said construction should start in summer 2017.

"The city of Toronto doesn't have anything quite like this," he said of the roof, adding the idea is to design it with as much flexibility as possible to be able to change with the neighbourhood.

Already, the demographics of the neighbourhood are changing with more young families and empty nesters moving in, looking for outdoor space, he said.

The centre is also slated to have community space and two schools, one Catholic and one public. The Toronto and East York Community Council approved the necessary zoning bylaw amendment at its Nov. 15 meeting.

CityPlace Residents' Association president Gary Pieters said he's keen to see more green space in the condo-rich area, especially as more and more families in the city raise kids without a backyard.

He called it a future "cornerstone" of the neighbourhood that will also help teach young people about caring for the environment.

The plan comes as the city struggles to dp the same thing on a public, larger scale with the Rail Deck Park.

"This is kind of a micro version of that," said Duckworth-Pilkington. "I think it tests some of these ideas of how do you make these kind of spaces accessible."

A rendering of the green roof on the Canoe Landing Community Recreation Centre. COURTESY ZAS ARCHITECTS AND INTERIORS

$750 Loan and more
No credit check
Open 7 days from 8 to 8 (EST)
1-855-527-4368
credit700.ca
Call us or apply online
www.credit700.ca

Get up to 30,000[1] Aeroplan Miles.

Offer ends December 2, 2016.
Don't miss all those miles.

Conditions apply.

Visit tdaeroplan.com/yyz or call 1-888-714-4459 to learn more

TD Banking can be this comfortable.

[1] Welcome Bonus of 15,000 Aeroplan Miles ("Welcome Bonus Miles") will be awarded to the Aeroplan Member account associated with the TD Aeroplan *Visa Infinite* Card Account ("Account") only after the first Purchase is made on the Account. To receive the additional 10,000 Aeroplan Miles, you must also: (a) apply for an Account between September 3, 2016, and December 2, 2016; and (b) make $1,000 in Purchases on your Account, including your first Purchase, within 90 days of Account approval. To receive the additional 5,000 Aeroplan Miles you must also (a) Add an Authorized User between September 3, 2016, and December 2, 2016; (b) Authorized User must call and activate their Card by January 16, 2017, and (c) your Account must be in good standing at the time this 5,000 Bonus Aeroplan Miles is awarded. You can have a maximum of three (3) Authorized Users on your Account but you will only receive 1 (one) 5,000 Bonus Aeroplan Miles offer. Annual Fee for each Authorized User Card added to the Account will apply. The Primary Cardholder is responsible for all charges to the Account, including those made by any Authorized User. If you have opened an Account in the last 6 months, you will not be eligible for these offers. We reserve the right to limit the number of Accounts opened by and the number of miles awarded to any one person. Please allow 8 weeks after the conditions for each offer are fulfilled for the miles to be credited to your Aeroplan Member account. Offers may be changed, withdrawn or extended at any time and cannot be combined with any other offer unless otherwise specified. These miles are not eligible for Aeroplan status. All trade-marks are property of their respective owners. ® The Air Canada maple leaf logo and Air Canada are registered trade-marks of Air Canada, used under license. ® The Aeroplan logo and Aeroplan are registered trade-marks of Aimia Canada Inc. ® The TD logo and other trade-marks are the property of The Toronto-Dominion Bank.

Sex-assault survey disturbs top brass

MILITARY

Landmark poll shows nearly 1,000 reports in just one year

Nearly 1,000 members of Canada's military say they've been sexually assaulted in the past year, according to a landmark survey.

Women in Canada's military remain the target of sexual assaults, unwanted sexual touching, inappropriate sexual innuendo and jokes. One in 60 regular force members say they've been sexually assaulted in the last year, mostly unwanted sexual touching, but also attacks and sexual activity without consent.

That works out to about 1.7 per cent of regular forces personnel, higher than the comparable rate of 0.9 per cent for the general population. In an especially disturbing revelation, almost one-third of women in uniform say they've been the victim of a sexual assault since they enlisted.

Some 43,000 members responded to the voluntary survey between April and June, and the findings will serve as a benchmark in what promises to be a regular survey.

Gen. Jonathan Vance, the chief of defence staff, said Monday the findings confirm his decision to launch OP Honour, the military-wide initiative to stamp out misconduct and improve workplace culture, as one of his first acts upon taking command in July 2015. But especially troubling for Vance and his top commanders is that inappropriate behaviour has continued after the launch.

Vance renewed his pledge that the military will seek out perpetrators. He said that 30 supervisors and higher rank members have been removed from command because of misconduct and Vance bluntly said they wouldn't be missed if they left entirely.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gen. Jonathan Vance addresses a survey on sexual misconduct in the armed forces. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

BROADCASTING

CBC asking feds for $400M to go ad-free

The CBC is asking for an increase of roughly $400 million in government funding to go ad-free on all platforms.

A proposal paper posted to the national broadcaster's website outlines how the CBC/Radio-Canada wants to follow the example of the BBC, Britain's national broadcaster, and be fully funded by the federal government instead of partially relying on ad revenue.

The CBC "has always been funded at a per person level that is significantly lower than ... almost all other comparable public broadcasters," the paper notes, pointing out that the BBC receives $114 per citizen while the CBC only gets $34.

The paper proposes a $12 increase to bring the amount it receives from each Canadian to $46, a price it says is "still well below comparable countries."

"The BBC offers a compelling example of how a strong, stable, well-funded public broadcaster can serve the interests of domestic audiences and diverse communities, support the global ambitions of its creative and cultural sectors, and provide a strong foundation for Britain's creative economy," the paper says.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CANADA NEWS

Justin Trudeau to skip Castro memorials

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office says he won't have time to attend any memorial for the late Cuban leader Fidel Castro. Instead, Trudeau has dispatched Governor-General David Johnston.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Air Force pilot dies in fighter-jet crash

The pilot of a CF-18 fighter jet that crashed near the Alberta-Saskatchewan border has died. The Air Force said the fighter was based out of Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake in northeastern Alberta.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto District School Board

NOW HIRING Operating Engineers, Plant Operations

Operating Engineers (Shift Leaders) – Required:
Incumbents will be responsible for the operation of steam boilers per TSSA regulations and will also work on a wide variety of assigned tasks including:

- Providing a safe, healthy and comfortable environment for all building occupants in accordance with current caretaking cleaning standards;
- Directing the work of the on-site caretaking staff during the shift;
- Performing caretaking duties – including operating heating and ventilation equipment; pool maintenance; receiving and delivering supplies; lifting; climbing; floor cleaning; mopping; moving furniture; re-lamping; lunch room program duties; grounds cleaning and maintenance including grass cutting, snow and ice removal, maintenance of grounds, garbage removal; operating heavy powered cleaning equipment; etc.
- Ensuring the safe and continuous operation of all building operating equipment in accordance with provincial/municipal statutes and Board policies and procedures;
- Maintaining appropriate records as required.

Qualifications:

- Candidates must possess a minimum of a 4th Class Operating Engineers Certificate of Qualification
- A good command of written and oral English and the proven ability to communicate in a sensitive, courteous and tactful manner;
- Demonstrated proficiency with Information Technology including the use of computers and related software applications;
- Minimum Grade 10 Secondary School education;
- Good attendance and punctuality;
- Ability to work with a minimum of supervision

If selected, candidates must successfully complete a pre-requisite training component prior to the offer of Employment. Offers of Employment are conditional pending the satisfaction of all required clearances as outlined/defined by the Toronto District School Board.

Shift: Based on operational needs
Hours of Work: 40 hours per week – 12 month Work Year

Rate of Pay: 4th Class Engineer Certificate - $25.81
3rd Class Engineer Certificate - $26.11
2nd Class Engineer Certificate - $26.24

Applications should be submitted in resume form with a covering letter. Resumes should indicate qualifications, ability and experience applicable to this position.

Resumes should be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. December 2, 2016 at www.tdsb.on.ca under Employment \ Support Staff \ Perm & Long Term Opportunities \ Caretaking and Plant Operations \ Operating Engineers.

We strive to provide accommodation needs of persons with disabilities. Applicants are encouraged to make their needs for accommodation known in advance during the application process.

We are an equal opportunity employer and adhere to fair employment practices.

We thank all applicants for their interest. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

We are looking for volunteers!

Lambda Therapeutic Research Inc specializes in conducting clinical research trials. We are looking for healthy non-smoking individuals to participate in upcoming studies. Participants are compensated for their time.Compensation may range from $750 to $3500 depending on study duration.

Refer a friend and you may receive $100!

Please contact for more information:
LAMBDA Lambda Therapeutic Research
416-752-3333 Toll Free: 1-866-207-3333
Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm Saturday: 10am – 4pm
www.lambdacanada-cro.com www.todaysresearch.com
Location: 460 Comstock Road, Toronto, M1L 4S4
follow us on

Officer hailed for speedy takedown

OHIO STATE

Assailant killed a minute after attack began with car, knife

Officials on Monday praised an Ohio State University police officer who shot and killed a man a minute after the assailant drove his car into a crowd and stabbed multiple people.

Officer Alan Horujko, who started on the university police force in January 2015, was responding to reports of a nearby gas leak when the car jumped a curb on campus at 9:52 a.m.

Horujko ordered the attacker, Abdul Razak Ali Artan, to drop the knife and then shot him when he didn't obey the command, university president Michael Drake said.

"The officer encountered the individual by 9:53; the subject was neutralized by 9:53," Drake said, underscoring how quickly events unfolded.

Horujko is owed a debt of gratitude, said Monica Moll, director of Ohio State's Department of Public Safety.

"He did a fabulous job today," she said.

University police Chief Craig Stone said it was fortunate the officer had gone to investigate the leak, which positioned him to respond to the attack so quickly.

Eleven people were hurt in the attack. Police said they were investigating whether it was terrorism.

Nicholas Flores grieves during an attack at Ohio State on Monday in Columbus. ADAM CAIRNS/COLUMBUS DISPATCH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alan Horujko
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE VIA THE AP

Artan was born in Somalia and was a legal permanent U.S. resident, according to a U.S. official who wasn't authorized to discuss the case and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Mayor Andrew Ginther called Horujko an "outstanding young law-enforcement officer."

"There has never been a more dangerous or complicated and challenging time to be a police officer, and we had a dynamic well-trained professional today save the lives of many of our residents and students," said Ginther.

Horujko, 28, was placed on administrative leave Monday. Horujko appears to be an avid runner, with several half-marathons under his belt, according to online results. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JAPAN SOMETHING FISHY An amusement park in Japan sparked an uproar after it displayed about 5,000 dead fish in the ice at a skating rink, forcing the park to close the attraction. About 25 different kinds of fish could be seen under the 250-metre-long ice circuit. The park in of Kitakyushu opened the "Ice Aquarium" as an "attraction never heard about." FACEBOOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

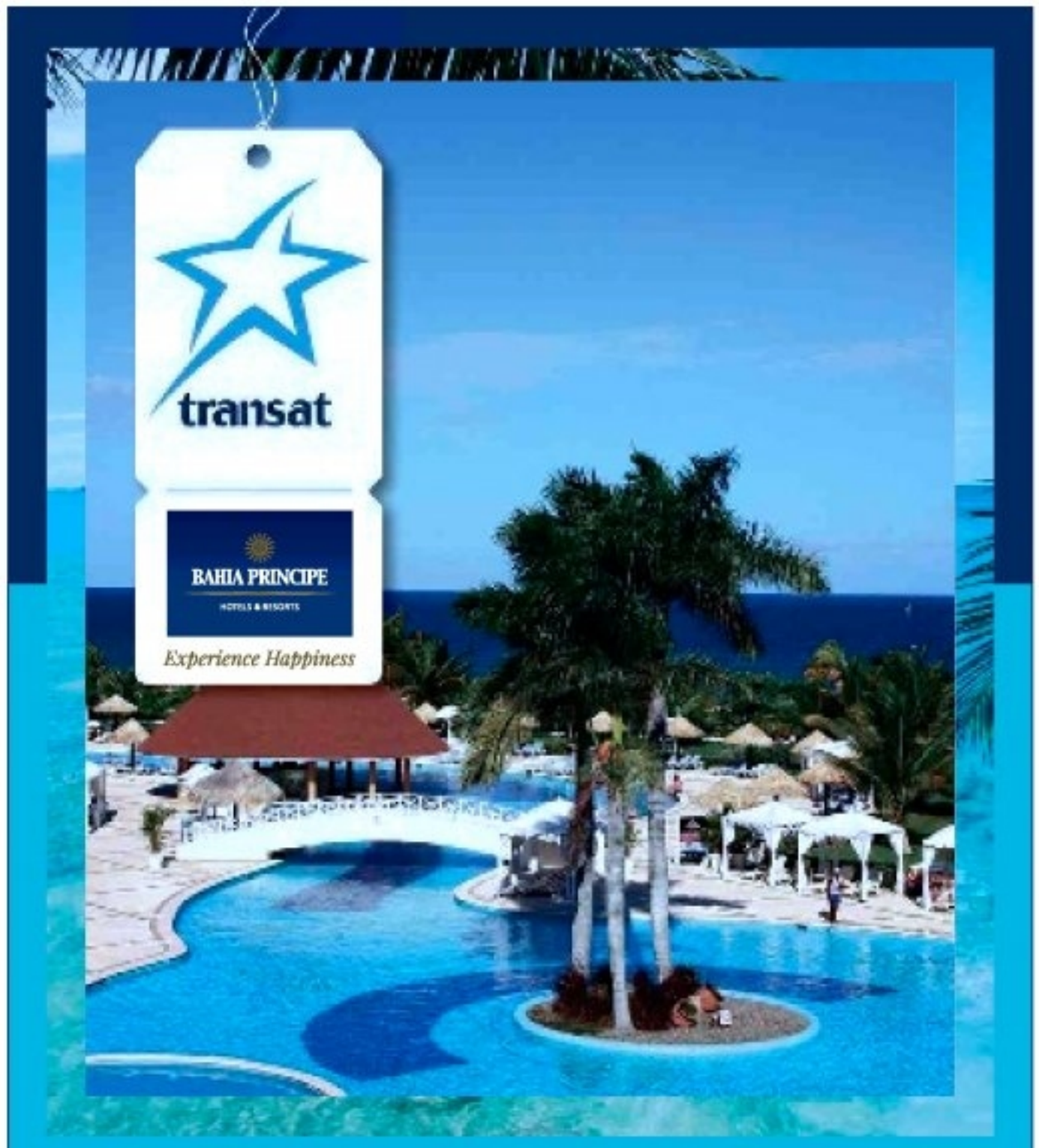
MOROCCO

Show sorry for 'cover the bruises' makeup tips

After a wave of criticism, a Moroccan TV show devoted to women's issues apologized on Monday for airing a makeup tutorial that offered tips on using cosmetics to disguise signs of domestic abuse, calling the segment an "error in judgment."

The daily women's show that aired Wednesday and was posted online drew a cascade of sharp criticism on social media, a petition from indignant women and, finally, the televised apology.

The show Sabahiyat featured a demonstration "to show you the makeup you can use to cover the bruises on your face" to mark the International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Vacation is calling

Sun packages flights, transfers & all inclusive resort

Samana
$839
Grand Bahia Principe Cayacoa 4 1/2★
Junior Suite Superior Royal Golden
7 nts | Jan 10, 15, 17, 24
+ $448 txs/fees

La Romana
$899
Grand Bahia Principe La Romana 4 1/2★
7 nts | Jan 13, 20
+ $448 txs/fees

Jamaica
$899
Luxury Bahia Principe Runaway Bay Don Pablo Collection 5★
7 nts | Dec 4, 10
+ $470 txs/fees

Jamaica
$929
Grand Bahia Principe Jamaica 4 1/2★
Junior Suite Superior Ocean View Royal Golden
7 nts | Dec 9, 11 | + $470 txs/fees

Punta Cana
$1199
Luxury Bahia Principe Fantasia Don Pablo Collection 5★
7 nts | Jan 9, 16
+ $448 txs/fees

Riviera Maya
$1399
Luxury Bahia Principe Akumal Don Pablo Collection 5★
7 nts | Dec 19
+ $393 txs/fees

Visit transat.com or contact your travel agent for more great deals.

marlin travel www.marlintravel.ca | BAHIA PRINCIPE HOTELS & RESORTS
Book a Bahia Principe Hotels & Resorts vacation package by November 30th and get a $100 Gift Card towards your next Transat vacation*!

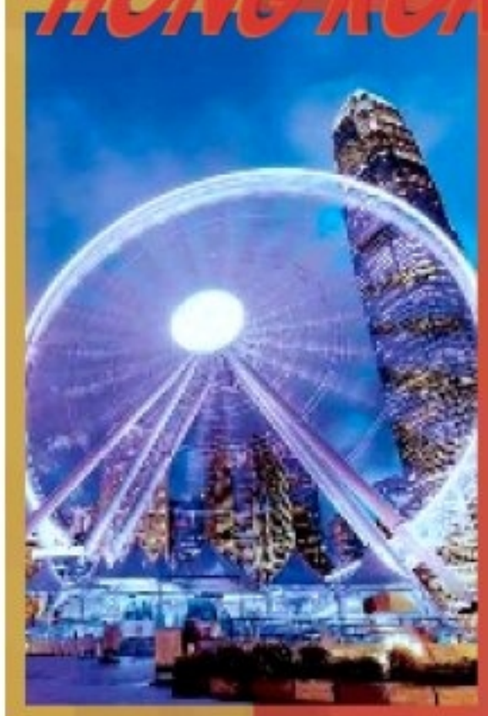
Flights are from Toronto via Air Transat in economy class. Prices shown are per person, based on double occupancy in lead room category, unless otherwise stated. Space and prices are subject to availability at time of booking and subject to change without prior notice. Limited seats available at prices indicated: 20 per departure. Prices advertised are valid from November 29 to 30, 2016 only, on new individual bookings. Taxes and fees are extra and noted above. Travel Agency fees may apply. For full descriptions and terms and conditions, refer to transat.com. Transat is a division of Transat Tours Canada Inc., and is registered as a travel wholesaler in Ontario (Reg #50009486) with offices at 191 The West Mall, Suite 800, Etobicoke, ON M9C 5K8. *Restrictions apply. Receive a $100 promotional travel gift card for all new Bahia Principe Hotels & Resorts bookings with Transat, made between November 1-30, 2016. The Marlin Travel Promotional Card is issued by Home Trust Company. Marlin Travel is a division of Transat Distribution Canada Inc. ON Reg. #50015084, BC Reg. #23567. Head Office: 191 The West Mall, Suite 700, Etobicoke, ON, M9C 5K8.

Discover unforgettable stories in Taiwan and Hong Kong

Blend a journey of picturesque natural sceneries with unique east-meets-west culture. With just an hour's flight between the two destinations, an amazing array of contrasting experiences awaits you in Taiwan and Hong Kong.

2 STORIES ONE TRIP

HONG KONG



GLP Worldwide 1.866.760.1987
12D/10N Wonders of Taiwan and Hong Kong from $2,970

Goway Travel 1.866.437.4879
8D/6N Hong Kong and Taiwan Tour from $1,799

Jade Tours 1.800.387.0387
8D/6N Hong Kong & Taipei-One Trip-Two Countries from $1,930

Journeys of Discovery 1.888.298.1788
11D/9N Discover Hong Kong and Taiwan from $3,288

Mandarin Holidays 1.855.752.3838
11D/9N Asia Fun: Twin Cities Explorer - Hong Kong & Taipei from $1,899

Nexus Holidays 1.855.604.6488
13D/11N Splendid Taiwan and Hong Kong from $2,799

www.thestar.com/hongkongtaiwan

Taiwan THE HEART OF ASIA | EVA AIR A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER | HONG KONG TOURISM BOARD

go2taiwan.net | evaair.com | DiscoverHongKong.com

Word of the year sign of the times

DICTIONARY.COM

World events cause spike in searches for 'xenophobia'

Brexit and the U.S. election helped drive up online searches for the word "xenophobia." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/GETTY IMAGES

You might have thought about it, heard it. A lot. You might have even felt it: Dictionary.com's word of the year is "xenophobia."

While it's difficult to get at exactly why people look up words in dictionaries, online or on paper, it's clear that in contentious 2016, fear of "otherness" bruised the collective consciousness around the globe.

The Brexit vote, police violence against people of colour, Syria's refugee crisis, transsexual rights and the rise of Donald Trump in the U.S. presidential race were among prominent developments that drove debate — and spikes in lookups — of the word, said Jane Solomon, one of the site's lexicographers.

The 21-year-old site defines xenophobia as "fear or hatred of foreigners, people from different cultures, or strangers." And it plans to expand its entry to include fear or dislike of "customs, dress and cultures of people with backgrounds different from our own," Solomon said in a recent interview.

The interest was clear June 24, within a period that represents the largest spike in lookups of xenophobia so far this year. That was the day of Brexit, when the U.K. voted to leave the EU.

Searches for xenophobia on the site increased by 938 per cent from June 22 to June 24, Solomon said. They spiked again after President Barack Obama's June 29 speech in which he said Trump's campaign rhetoric was not a measure of "populism," but rather "nativism, or xenophobia, or worse." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OPENS THIS WEEK

TORONTO CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

LIMITED RUN • DEC 2-30
TICKETMASTER.CA • 855-985-5000
GROUP DISCOUNTS 8+
CALL THE GROUP TIX COMPANY 647-438-5559
OUTSIDE GTA 1-866-447-7849

metro VIEWS
Your essential daily news
Tuesday, November 29, 2016

PAUL WELLS ON WHAT CASTRO LEFT BEHIND

Canadians not named Trudeau will probably continue to watch Cuba as we have for decades, unsure or divided in our response.

I want to talk about the rest of Canada's weird, hesitant relationship with Cuba. But first, since I'm just getting to it now, a few words about Justin Trudeau and Fidel Castro.

We haven't seen Justin Trudeau mourn like this since his dad died. In expressing his "deep sorrow" at the death of Castro, a "larger than life" figure whom Trudeau lauded as "a legendary orator."

Sorry, let's just pause right there. Legendary orator? On Sept. 26, 1960, Castro addressed the United Nations General Assembly for four and a half hours, a record unchallenged to this day in the most boring room on Earth. In 1998 in Havana he spoke for seven and a half hours. Calling Castro a great orator is like calling porn legend Ron Jeremy a romantic: It confuses volume with quality.

Onward. Trudeau lauded Castro's "tremendous dedication and love for the Cuban people," whose speech and dietary protein Castro rationed, by law, for decades. I guess it was tough love.

To be sure, Trudeau balanced his praise with criticism. "During Castro's rule, thousands of Cubans were incarcerated in abysmal prisons, thousands more were harassed and intimidated, and entire generations were denied basic political freedoms," the prime minister wrote. Just kidding! No, that last quote isn't from Justin Trudeau at all. It's from Human Rights Watch. As for the PM, in a communiqué overflowing with praise for Castro, he could find room for only one word about the Cuban dictator's human-rights record: "controversial."

Probably most Canadians have long known that Cubans don't have the government we would want for them.

Nor can the PM's defenders long sustain the notion that his statement must have been penned by some careless lackey in the PMO. No, the communiqué is too solidly in line with the entire Trudeau family's record on the man to be anything but an honest reflection of Justin Trudeau's thought.

Castro was a pallbearer at Pierre Trudeau's funeral. The PM's brother Alexandre Trudeau wrote in the Toronto Star a decade ago that Castro was "something of a superman," whose "intellect is one of the most broad and complete that can be found." Alexandre Trudeau wrote that he "grew up knowing that Fidel Castro had a special place among my family's friends," even if ordinary Cubans "do occasionally complain, often as an adolescent might complain about a too strict and demanding father."

One notes family similarities in prose style.

So a prime minister who claims to prize evidence-based policy was caught putting family connections ahead of the exhaustively documented abuses of a man whose death marks a crucial step in his own people's long-delayed march toward freedom.

But the rest of us — we cold and bashful Canadians — will probably continue to watch Cuba as we have for decades, unsure or divided in our response to events in the land Fidel Castro leaves behind.

Exhibit A in the theatre of ambivalence is Justin Trudeau's predecessor. Stephen Harper met Raul Castro, Fidel's brother and still the president of Cuba, only 19 months ago, attending what would be Harper's last Summit of the Americas in Panama City. The two men sat smiling awkwardly at each other in hard-backed chairs around a little table.

SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP Former prime minister Pierre Trudeau looks on as Cuban President Fidel Castro gestures during a visit to a Havana in 1976 THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

But reporters covering the summit had to find the photo on the website of Granma, the official Cuban Communist newspaper. Canadian reporters weren't told of the meeting by Harper's staff until they found proof of it on the Castro family's propaganda website.

At his summit-closing news conference, Harper said that for Canada and Cuba, "we're at a point where engagement is more likely to lead us to where we want to go than continued isolation." He said he and Raul Castro had discussed the two nations' "important and long-standing relationship. It's a political relationship, a tourist relationship and commercial relationship to some degree — one that we want to expand."

True, Harper managed to resist marvelling at Castro's charm, oratorical skill, grasp of physics or deep-diving skills, further evidence, if any were needed, that he's no Trudeau.

But Harper's meeting with Cuba's president — only three years after he had blocked Cuban participation at the previous Summit of the Americas — was of a piece with his decision to let Canada be the venue for crucial secret meetings between the Castro regime and the Obama administration.

In both cases, Harper was more eager to get along with the Cubans than to be seen getting along with them.

Why advertise the thaw? A million Canadians a year visit Cuba to enjoy gorgeous beaches and groaning buffets at all-inclusive resorts from which most Cubans remain banned. One winter more than a decade ago, I was one of them. But millions more refuse, even today, to make the trip, believing each dollar they spent would help prop up a corrupt regime.

Probably most Canadians not named Trudeau have long known that Cubans did not have the government Canadians would want for them — and, indeed, not the government Cubans would choose, were they granted the freedom to change their minds about the revolution. But that knowledge doesn't tell us which mix of engagement and isolation is wisest.

Having blown some political capital by saying what he thinks, Trudeau is now going to skip Fidel's funeral. It's a retreat to ambivalence dictated by a public outcry that must have astonished the prime minister, who grew up with a photo of Fidel Castro in his family's home and thought, perhaps, that everybody did.

Paul Wells is a national affairs columnist for the Toronto Star.

We need to know for whom the hell tolls will be helpful

TORY'S TORONTO

Matt Elliott

Mayor John Tory's surprise move last week to support highway tolls on the Don Valley Parkway and Gardiner Expressway is bold. It's brave. It's visionary.

It's also a half-measure.

I write that with some hesitation. I don't want to detract from how monumental it is for a Toronto mayor to give unqualified support to putting a price on driving. I also don't want to lend any credibility to anti-toll whiners.

But the problem with Tory's plan is simple. A funding strategy is only as good as what it will fund.

By that criteria, Tory's toll plan falls short in a couple of ways.

First, it's a strategy that doesn't do anything to solve the city's immediate budget woes. Tory's speech last week was kind of like a fire chief responding to a forest fire by announcing a robust education plan for fire prevention. Sure, teaching people how to prevent fires is important, but things are burning now.

In the city's case, the raging inferno is the operating budget. Even after approving a 10-cent fare hike, the TTC needs a cash infusion of at least $61 million to avoid deep service cuts next year. Other departments are also coming up short.

Highway tolls, unlikely to be implemented before 2019, offer no relief here.

The city manager has provided some solutions, including increases to the land transfer tax, but Tory has yet to endorse a plan that can put out this year's fire.

Then there's the issue of the infrastructure Tory's tolls would fund. Too many projects in the pipeline are the result of bad decision-making.

Let's start with the plan to rebuild the Gardiner Expressway. A city report released last week revealed the long-term cost of rehabilitating the highway has increased by a billion dollars. The bill for the rebuild of the eastern section — a plan never endorsed by experts — is up to almost $1.5 billion.

And that isn't the only dubious mega-project in the works. There's also the one-stop Scarborough subway, now priced at more than $3 billion and approved under vexed circumstances. And the mayor's politically motivated SmartTrack plan is set to cost at least $2 billion, even as it's scaled back.

Where possible, Tory should push for a review of these projects to ensure estimates are accurate and the return is worth the cost. Residents are only going to accept tolls as a permanent reality if they can see those tolls working to permanently transform the city for the better.

With the current slate of projects on the books, that's going to be tough. And that worries me. I believe new revenues are the right thing for Toronto, but let's be wary of doing the right thing for the wrong reasons.

metro
Your essential daily news

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PRINT
Sandy MacLeod

VICE PRESIDENT & EDITOR
Cathrin Bradbury

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, REGIONAL SALES
Steve Shrout

MANAGING EDITOR TORONTO
Angela Mullins

ADVERTISER INQUIRIES
adinfotoronto@metronews.ca
General phone 416-486-4900

FREE TO SHARE

PHILOSOPHER CAT
by Jason Logan

Philosopher cat now at www.mymetrostore.ca

metro LIFE

Your essential daily news

Debut of abortion pill Mifegymiso in Canada delayed to January

INTERIOR DESIGN

Create a serene mood in your home to get away from it all

Megan Haynes
For Torstar News Service

Cosy like the Danes

• Hygge (HUE-geh or HOO-geh) is all about creating a cosy and comfortable environment

There's no such thing as too many candles, says Arne Nordtorp, a Denmark-born Toronto resident, and Danish design aficionado. Soft lighting is key to any happy home. So are cosy blankets and beautiful furniture.

"A lot of people think Danish design is stark and cold, but when you get to the DNA, it's really warm and colourful," says Nordtorp, who owns the Danish furniture and design store Torp on Davenport Rd.

"The space itself needs to be beautiful because when you're in a beautiful space it really makes you feel more comfortable."

It's a philosophy called hygge, and Danes live by it. The goal is to create an atmosphere that encourages people to "spend time together doing almost nothing at all," Nordtorp says.

Hygge (pronounced HUE-geh or HOO-geh, depending on whom you ask) is all about creating a cosy and comfortable environment, says University of B.C. Danish culture and language lecturer Jens Monrad. And the ideology is currently sweeping the globe, he says.

Five books on the topic have recently been released, while news organizations around the world, particularly in the U.K., have devoted plenty of ink to explaining the philosophy.

While the trend is just starting to bubble to the surface in Canada, the current state of social and political affairs might lead to a surge in popularity here, too.

The old Norse term originally meant "to think of caring for someone or something," Monrad says.

In the mid-1800s — when Denmark was replete with political and civil unrest — the word resurfaced in literature, usually around themes of families coming together to create a comforting environment.

Nikolaj Grundtvig, founder of the Danish People's Church, later equated the concept of creating a cosy and quiet comforting home environment to a churchlike experience, and the philosophy really took off.

"He made the gates of paradise sound like something out of Ikea's Christmas catalogue," says Monrad.

Anytime there was civic unrest, such as during the Nazi occupation in the Second World War, hygge resurfaced until it just became part of everyday life in Denmark, he says.

"It is why in a modern context, (hygge) has connotations of something overly escapist, perhaps a little bit self-satisfied."

Today, it's part of what makes Denmark, Denmark — one of the happiest countries on the planet, according to the World Happiness Report.

With the continued economic slump, global safety concerns, Brexit, Trump — there's never been a better time to create that welcoming and comfortable home environment to escape the stresses of modern life, Monrad says.

But, he adds, hygge is more than just escaping the harsh realities of the world in a candlelit, blanket-covered room.

To live a truly hyggeligt life, it's about fostering a closeness and comfort with friends and family.

Toronto's Steve Miller, an ad agency executive whose mother is Danish, grew up with hygge — candles and blankets everywhere, and plenty of sweets. Now at 41, he continues his mom's tradition.

There's nothing more hygge than the holidays, he says.

"Friends, family and laughter — that's hygge."

CUDDLE UP

Canadian winters are cold and long. Here are three ways to get comfy.

Foods

Bowls of sweets are common in Danish households as are rich, flaky pastries. Pick up Hoj Snegl (cinnamon roll buns), Smakager (cookies) or Smorrebrod (savoury, buttery open-faced sandwiches common at group gatherings) to complete your table.

Furniture

Since the dinner table is such an important part of the hygge experience, Denmark-born Arne Nordtorp says a beautiful table, such as the Crosslegged Table (Wegner and Holst Pedersen, $5,092), will invite guests to linger.

The mother of all double standards

VASECTOMIES

Permanent birth control access unequal among genders

Sofi Papamarko
For Torstar News Service

Andy Prosserman, 31, commemorates his recent vasectomy with a celebratory photo shoot.

PHOTOS BY ANGELINA COCCIMIGLIO/ WWW.BLOG.ACOCCI.COM

Andy Prosserman will never be a father — and he couldn't be more delighted.

The 31-year-old Torontonian commemorated his recent vasectomy with a celebratory photo shoot. In one photo, he tenderly cradles a head of kale like a green, leafy infant. In others, he clutches a bottle of scotch, a Nintendo controller, and his Canadian passport — all things he'll have time to enjoy in the absence of parental responsibilities.

"I've known I didn't want to be a father as far back as I can remember," says Prosserman. "I'd thought about getting a vasectomy when I was in my early 20s. I chose not to do it at that point because I knew things could change and that it would've been irresponsible to do it that young, but I've always assumed I'd do it at some point. And here we are."

Unlike Prosserman, Cam Nursall came to this realization gradually.

"I have zero paternal instinct," says the 25-year-old, currently in consultation for a vasectomy. "I want to travel, I want to open a small brewery, I want to ride across the continent on my motorcycle, and kids just don't fit into that."

The choice about whether or not to have children is among the most important we make. If parenthood is ultimately not for us, there are myriad options available to us, including permanent sterilization.

But young people's choices about their own bodies and futures aren't always taken seriously — especially the choices of young women.

Samantha Bleiziffer, 27, is certain she does not want to be a mother and would get a tubal ligation if she could.

"I can't even seem to find a doctor who will sit down and discuss the options with me, like an adult with autonomy over what happens to her body," says Bleiziffer.

> "I don't think it's selfish to know what I want from my life."
> Samantha Bleiziffer

"I first tried talking to my family doctor about it when I was 25, because I wanted information on the process and the risks. I was very quickly denied the conversation. My next attempt was at 26, where the doctor at a private women's health clinic denied me the same information and conversation."

Compare this with Prosserman's experience — his vasectomy took place two months after putting in an initial request with his GP.

Tubal ligations are irreversible and more invasive than vasectomies, but this informal double standard is frustrating for young Canadian women certain of their decision.

The current summary guidelines from the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) state: "Before providing permanent contraception, women should be counselled on the risks of the procedure, the risk of regret, and alternative contraceptive methods... Informed consent must be obtained."

Despite this, several women I've spoken to were stonewalled by health-care providers when requesting information on tubal ligations.

Physicians seem especially reluctant to offer it to women in their 20s, like Bleiziffer.

One of the more common criticisms women face is that choosing not to have children makes them selfish.

"I don't think it's selfish to know what I want from my life, and if not being a mother is a part of that plan, it truly doesn't concern anybody but me and my partner," Bleiziffer says.

"I don't critique anybody's choice to procreate and have kids. All I want is the same respect for my choice."

metro SPORTS

"If Brazil depends only on Neymar there will be a problem with Brazil, not with Neymar": Brazil coach Tite on the importance of a team-first mentality

NBA 76ERS NO MATCH FOR RAPTORS Raptors guard Kyle Lowry shoots against the 76ers' Gerald Henderson on Monday night at Air Canada Centre. Lowry led all scores with 24 points and added eight assists in the Raptors' 122-95 victory. RON TURENNE/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

RATINGS

Grey Cup draws 10M viewers on TV

The Ottawa Redblacks' 39-33 overtime victory over the Calgary Stampeders in the 104th Grey Cup on Sunday drew 10 million unique viewers, according to TSN.

The network stated in a release that an average audience of 3.9 million viewers tuned in to TSN (3.6 million) and RDS (254,000) according to preliminary overnight data from Numeris. Overall, the total reach grew three per cent compared to last year.

The average audience peaked at 5.7 million viewers late in the fourth quarter as a Calgary field goal forced the game into overtime, where Ottawa wide receiver Ernest Jackson caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from Grey Cup MVP Henry Burris for the game's decisive score.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

+35%

Live streaming audiences on TSN Digital platforms marked an increase of 35 per cent compared to last year's Grey Cup.

History against TFC

MLS CUP PLAYOFFS

No team has come back in second leg so deep in season

It seemed like the script was written for Toronto FC when the Seattle Sounders defeated the Colorado Rapids on Sunday to advance to Major League Soccer's championship game. Beat the Montreal Impact and win the Eastern Conference final and the Reds, the highest-seeded team remaining in the playoffs, will guarantee its first MLS Cup final is played in front of a home crowd.

But nobody in Toronto's camp was waxing poetic about that possibility Monday. In fact, coach Greg Vanney said there was not one word spoken about the bearing the result of the Western Conference final could have on his team as it returned to the training ground after a day off Sunday.

"It's actually, in my opinion, quite irrelevant for the next two days," Vanney said.

That's because TFC, down 3-2 after the first leg of the East final, still has to earn its spot on Wednesday.

"When that's said and done, then we'll determine whether the game in Seattle meant anything to us," the coach said.

Both divisions usually play their finals on the same night but, with the Grey Cup at BMO on Sunday, the Reds and Impact had to wait. Toronto centre back Drew Moor watched his former team get knocked out of the playoffs Sunday, and said watching that game provided some added motivation, but he agreed that the Reds players aren't looking past Wednesday night.

"We have our work cut out for us," Moor said.

League history suggests it is difficult for teams to come back in the second leg of a series, even if that game is played at home. No MLS squad competing this late in the playoffs has ever advanced after failing to get some sort of result in the first, away leg.

Vanney is hopeful his team can be the first to eschew that particular stat.

He questions whether the perceived advantage of playing the second leg of a series at home is actually beneficial to teams, but believes if the Reds are going to defy history, the best place to do so is in front of an estimated 37,000 fans at BMO Field.

"When we're playing this match and theoretically we're down that goal, there's no place I would rather play than in our stadium and in front of our fans."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nick Hagglund of Toronto FC goes airborne for the ball during the first leg of the MLS Eastern Conference final against the Impact in Montreal last week. MINAS PANAGIOTAKIS/GETTY IMAGES

We know the value and the possibilities that exist should we take care of business.
Greg Vanney

PITCH PERFECT

- Toronto FC head groundskeeper Robert Heggie says Sunday's Grey Cup should not leave any kind of hangover for TFC when it comes to the BMO Field playing surface for Wednesday's match.
- "I'd say your average person, if they were to walk in here and look at the field, they wouldn't suspect a football game was in here (Sunday) night — already," Heggie said confidently Monday afternoon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Valid For Most Weight Loss Programs
$1,800 WEIGHT LOSS GRANT
Do You Have More than 20 lbs to Lose? - Apply Today!
www.weightlossgrants.org
Visit www.weightlossgrants.org for full Guidelines.

Tough road trip for Kadri

NHL

Leafs head out for McDavid part 2, Canucks rematch

Nazem Kadri got physical with Connor McDavid in the Oilers' Nov. 1 visit to Air Canada Centre. CLAUS ANDERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Nazem Kadri popped out from the private area in the Leafs' training facility Monday to face the media. While he looked sharp in a purple suit as the Leafs set out on a three-game, western road trip, it remains to be seen how good he'll look when they face the Oilers Tuesday night at the Rogers Centre in Edmonton.

That game has already been billed as a rematch between Oilers' superstar Connor McDavid, and Kadri, who shutdown McDavid Nov. 1 in Toronto. It was arguably the most aggressive and effective checking McDavid has faced since he's been in the NHL.

"Just get in his way, be physical, be hard on him. If you are anything else, but hard, he'll make plays and embarrass you," Kadri said as the Leafs jetted off for games this week in Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver.

Kadri and the Leafs are certainly looking forward to the challenge of McDavid, as well as facing the Flames — where rumours were simmering the past few days about potential Leaf interest in defenceman Dougie Hamilton. Then, it's on to Vancouver, and a rematch of a Nov. 5 game in Toronto where the two teams engaged in a brawl, sparked in part by Kadri's controversial hit on Daniel Sedin.

Kadri and linemate Leo Komarov have even more fire on their line as they enter this western swing.

Nikita Soshnikov, who was bumped onto their line Saturday after an injury to William Nylander, practised with them again Monday. Soshnikov adopts the same, "get-under-your-skin" playing style that has earned Kadri and Komarov reputations around the NHL for being tough to play against.

For Babcock, Kadri has been nothing short of impressive in the way he has transformed over the past season, from a high-octane forward, to an increasingly reliable, two-way player.

"He's getting better and better," Babcock said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Brady's knee acting up

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady says his injured knee feels better than it did after the team's last game.

A day after leading New England to a 22-17 win over the New York Jets, Brady said his knee was acting up during the game. But he said he hopes it will be better on Sunday, when the Patriots play the Los Angeles Rams. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Holocaust ice dance routine sparks outrage

Olympic ice-dancing gold medallist Tatiana Navka and dancing partner Andrei Burkovsky have caused controversy by dressing up in concentration camp uniforms for a routine on a popular television show.

The Russians dressed in striped uniforms bearing yellow six-pointed stars and were heavily made-up to look bruised and frail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baseball representatives to meet about new CBA

Negotiators for baseball players and owners are meeting this week in Irving, Texas, in an attempt to reach agreement on a collective bargaining agreement to replace the five-year contract that expires this Thursday, December 1.

After eight work stoppages from 1972-95, baseball has had 21 years of labour peace. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

metro | Spiritualist Forum

To advertise contact Ian March at 416-443-4388

SPIRITUALIST OMAR
Very Powerful Spiritualist, Medium and Healer with a Special Gifted Power to:
- Reunite loved ones, marriage and family.
- Help Prevent Divorce & Break up
- Good luck in finding lasting soul mates.
- Help with Serious Court cases.
- Lucky charm for individuals and business.
- Helps with children and family problems.
- Protection against enemies and evil spirits.
- Helps relieve negative energy.

Thank you Omar for bringing my boyfriend back in my life. We are in a much better place now...we no longer argue and he is very sweet and kind to me. - LISA

CONFIDENTIAL Payment after results 100% guaranteed
647-707-2315

KARMIC ASTRO HEALING CENTRE
ASTROLOGER FACE READER & PALMIST
SIMPLE & MOST PRACTICAL SOLUTION
SOLVE A TO Z PROBLEM
Love affairs, Husband & Wife Disputes Court Case, Relationship Health, Job, Exam, Business, Selling, Black Magic, Evil Spirit etc
If Your Husband, Lover Or Children In Favour Of Anybody's Influence CALL ONCE
Master Jai GANESH 647 739 5511
15 Lysander Ct, Sca, ON M1V 3R2 McCowan & Finch Ave E
3932 B Kittf St, NY, ON M3J 1N8 Keele & Finch Ave W

Psychic & Spiritual Healer
Pandit: VARUN BABA
BORN TO SERVE PEOPLE
Generation to Generation
Master is in Removing Black Magic,Jadoo,Vodoo, Obeya, Witchcraft, Bad Curses, Jinn all Evil spirits etc & Gives Protection
Expert in Helping with all Problems like Health, Depression, Love, Job, Family, Husband-Wife, Relation, Children, Court, Employment, Business etc
SPECIALIZED IN BRINGING LOVED ONES BACK
647-920-4439
1735 Kipling Ave, TORONTO M9R 2Y8
Next to FOOD BASICS (KIPLING & DIXON)

BEST SCARBOROUGH PSYCHIC & ASTROLOGER
Pandit: SHANKAR NARAYAN
Specialist in all types of Indrajaal, Mahendrajaal. Removes Black Magic, Jadoo, Vodoo, Obeya & Gives 100% Protection
BEST SOLUTIONS FOR BEST FUTURE
Removes Problems related with Health, Marriage, Love, Business, Job, Money, Jealousy, Court, Divorce, Children, Enemy, Husband-Wife Etc
Powerful & God Gifted Spiritual Healer. He can Handle all Kind of your Problems
416-520-4929
4510 Kingston Rd Scarborough, M1E 2N8 (KINGSTON & MORNINGSIDE)

JANE & LAWRENCE # NO. 1 ASTROLOGER
GUARANTEE, 100% SATISFATION
MASTER JAI DEVA GURUJI
Generation to Generation
BORN TO SERVE PEOPLE
Helps In Health, Depression, Job, Love, Marriage, Husband-wife Divorce, Enemy, Jealousy, Children
CALL MASTER
Removes Black Magic, Evil spirits, Jadoo & Gives 100% Protection
647-669-1729
1672 Jane St. Toronto (Jane & Lawrence) Call for 1 FREE QUESTION Opposite NO FRILLS

DUNDAS NO. #1 ASTROLOGER & PSYCHIC
Pandit: HANUMAN GURUJI
MOST POWERFUL INDIAN SPIRITUALIST
PALM, FACE & HOROSCOPE READING
LIFE LONG PROTECTION
SOLVES PROBLEMS QUICKLY LIKE: Depression, Health, Family, Work, Court Enemy, Children, Divorce, Marriage etc
Removes Black Magic, Jadoo, Vodoo
100% GUARANTEE Evil Spirits, Butu & Gives 101% Protection
Know your Past, Present & Future etc
647-533-0352 56A Dundas St W Mississauga ON L5B 1H3 (DUNDAS ST W & HWY 10)

SPIRITUALIST FROM ANCIENT INDIA
Master: KASHI
I CAN HANDLE ANY PROBLEM:
Love * Marriage * Kids
Education * Business* Job
Money * Health * Sexual
Family Prob * Enemy*Court
500 YEARS TRADITIONAL
100% Removal of Black Magic, Jadoo, Obeya, Vodoo, & Gives Full Protection
Special Protection to People over 50 Years
647-720-6311 1069 Dundas St W Mississauga
www.kashiastrologer.com L5C 1C3 (DUNDAS & ERINDALE)

VICTORIA PARK - DANFORTH ASTROLOGER & PSYCHIC
Master: VISHNU SHASTRY
SPECIALIST FORTUNE TELLER FROM INDIA
Expert in Palm & Face Reading, Horoscope.Handles any Kind of Problem. Depression, Family, Husband-Wife, Love, Kids, Court, Jealousy,Money, Sexual, Enemy etc
REMOVES BLACK MAGIC, JADOO, VODOO, WITCHCRAFT,OBEYA, GENERATION CURSE, EVIL ENERGY & GIVES 100% PROTECTION
647-823-5771
3092 Danforth Ave TORONTO M4C 1M7, Upstairs Money Mart, Opp TD Bank (2 Min walk from Victoria Subway)

SPIRITUAL ASTROLOGER & PSYCHIC CENTER
Master: HARI KRISHNA 6th GENERATION PSYCHIC
SPECIALIST IN BRINGING BACK GOOD HEALTH IN 9 DAYS
Tells Past, Present & Future.
Health, Happiness, Love,Work
Family, Husband-Wife,Children
Jealousy, Money, Court, Sexual
Enemy, Lottery & Good Luck etc
SPECIAL: I WILL REJOIN LOVERS IN 9 DAYS
REMOVES BLACK MAGIC, JADOO, WITCHCRAFT, EVIL SPIRITS & PROVIDES LIFELONG PROTECTION
647-299-7352 2519 Finch Ave W, North York M9M 2G1 (FINCH & MILVAN)
Major Intersection - FINCH & WESTON

SRI HANUMAN ASTROLOGER & PSYCHIC
Pandit: BABU SWAMY
MEET RIGHT PSYCHIC, TAKE RIGHT DECISION
Master in Palm & Face Reading, Horoscope.Solves any Kind of Problem. Depression, Family, Husband-Wife, Love, Kids, Court, Jealousy,Money, Sexual, Enemy etc
REMOVES BLACK MAGIC, JADOO, VODOO, WITCHCRAFT,OBEYA, EVIL ENERGY & GIVES LIFELONG 100% PROTECTION
647-973-4754
100 Maritime Ontario Blvd, Unit 77,Brampton L6S 0E7, Next to HOME DEPOT, Major Intersection: AIRPORT RD. & QUEEN ST. E

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE:
Neptune is suggesting that now may be the perfect time to get the Metro News App
Download the Metro News App today at metronews.ca/mobile
metro

FINANCIAL

GET OUT OF DEBT!
CALL THE
Licensed Debt Professionals™
• Avoid Bankruptcy
• 1 Low Monthly Payment
• No Interest Charges
• Stop Collection Calls
• Government Licensed Proposal Administrators
DAVID SKLAR, CPA, CIRP, LIT
Free Consultation 310-9200
DAVID SKLAR & ASSOCIATES INC.
Proposal Administrators • Financial Counsellors • Licensed Insolvency Trustee
HEAD OFFICE: 245 Fairview Mall Drive, Suite 720, Toronto, ON, M2J 4T1
NORTH YORK • TORONTO • PICKERING / AJAX • MISSISSAUGA / ETOBICOKE • BRAMPTON
www.DavidSklar.com

STEVEWELKER.CA
DEBT RELIEF WHEN YOU CAN'T REPAY
Free Advice 647-793-6411
CAN YOU REPAY YOUR DEBT ON YOUR OWN?
IF NOT, OUR SERVICES
• Stop: Collection Calls, Interest, Lawsuits & Garnishments
• Reduce Your Debt & Stress
• Don't Require Money Up-Front
• Consolidate Your Debt
• Bankruptcy Is Always The Last Resort
MAIN OFFICE: 1969 WESTON ROAD
Walker and Company Inc. Licensed Insolvency Trustees
647-793-6411
Barrie | Brampton | Burlington | Downtown | Etobicoke | Markham | Mississauga | North York | Scarborough | Whitby

shed the debt®
for pennies on the dollar
credit cards • tax arrears • student loans
wage and bank garnishments
call 1-855-541-5114
for fast friendly debt relief anywhere in Ontario
free meeting, no obligation
evening and Saturday appointments
Goldhar®
www.shedthedebt.ca
Goldhar & Associates Ltd. Licensed Insolvency Trustee

STOP COLLECTION CALLS
GET DEBT RELIEF NOW!
CALL ERIKA
(LICENSED DEBT EXPERT)
Reduce or Eliminate Tax Debt too.
Stop Garnishments and Court Actions
Debt Proposals, Debt Counselling, Avoid Bankruptcy
Call NOW to talk with a Government-Licensed Expert
Low income? No problem! Ask about our affordable, very low fee to get Debt-Free.
We're here to help. Friendly, Caring Professionals.
Free consultation. Same day appointments.
1-877-332-8416
416-288-8048
Scarborough (Main office), Weston, Brampton, Oshawa, Mississauga (Pt Credit)
Rusinek & Associates Inc Licensed Insolvency Trustee www.rusinek.ca

UP TO $1000 Loan
No credit checks
Paid over 3 to 5 months
No documents to return
Instant approval
1-800-NEW-CREDIT (639-2733)
Brokers Lamina

MORTGAGE APPROVED!
• 1st and 2nd Mortgage for any purpose.
• Refinance to 87%. Purchase to 95%.
• With rates at historic lows, now is the time to re-finance your home!
• Consolidate cards into 1 payment
• Self-employed? Stated income.
• Good and bad credit are welcome!
• Behind in Mortgage Payments?
WE CAN HELP!
HOMELAND MORTGAGE
416-913-9593
WWW.HOMELANDMORTGAGE.ORG
License # 11951

MORTGAGES
1st & 2nd Mortgages
Debt Consolidation
*Low Rates, *No Fees
Bad Credit Welcome
*CREDIT APPROVED
*terms and conditions apply Lic# 10154
Mortgage Genie
www.mortgagegenie.org
416-667-9834

metro
Tell us how you really feel.
Join our online reader panel and help make your Metro even better. metronews.ca/panel

THE HANDY POCKET VERSION!
Get the news as it happens
metro
Download the Metro News App today at metronews.ca/mobile

EDUCATION

PARALEGAL^. IMMIGRATION*. LAW CLERK
• $3235 Dual Qualification Bursary
• $1235 Licensing Exam Bursary
• Programs include Practicum
• Faculty includes Lawyers
^Accredited by LSUC *Accredited by ICCRC
RECEIVE $1235 OR $3235 IN LEGAL BURSARIES
AOLTORONTO.COM
647.560.8587
The Academy of Learning Career & Business College (Bayl Bloor) is registered under the PCC act 2005 and operated by 1989155 Ontario INC.

NEW
Intra Oral Level I & II
Dental Assistant
ANDERSON COLLEGE OF HEALTH, BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY
YOUR TRAINING. YOUR CAREER. YOUR FUTURE.
North York: 647.360.7290
Downtown: 647.691.0922
ANDERSONCOLLEGE.COM

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Cheesy French Onion Soup

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The debate should be over the cheese to crouton ratio in this pub favourite.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 onions , thinly sliced
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 Tbsp flour
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 4 cups beef stock
- half a stick of baguette
- 1 cup grated Gruyère and Parmesan mixed

Directions

1. In a Dutch oven, melt butter and toss onion slices, garlic, sugar, thyme and pinch of salt and pepper. Cook over medium low heat for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring frequently, until onions soften.

2. Sprinkle the flour over the onion mixture and stir. Add the vinegar and a cup of stock. Stir well, scraping the bottom of the pot to deglaze. Add the rest of the stock and simmer for 10 minutes.

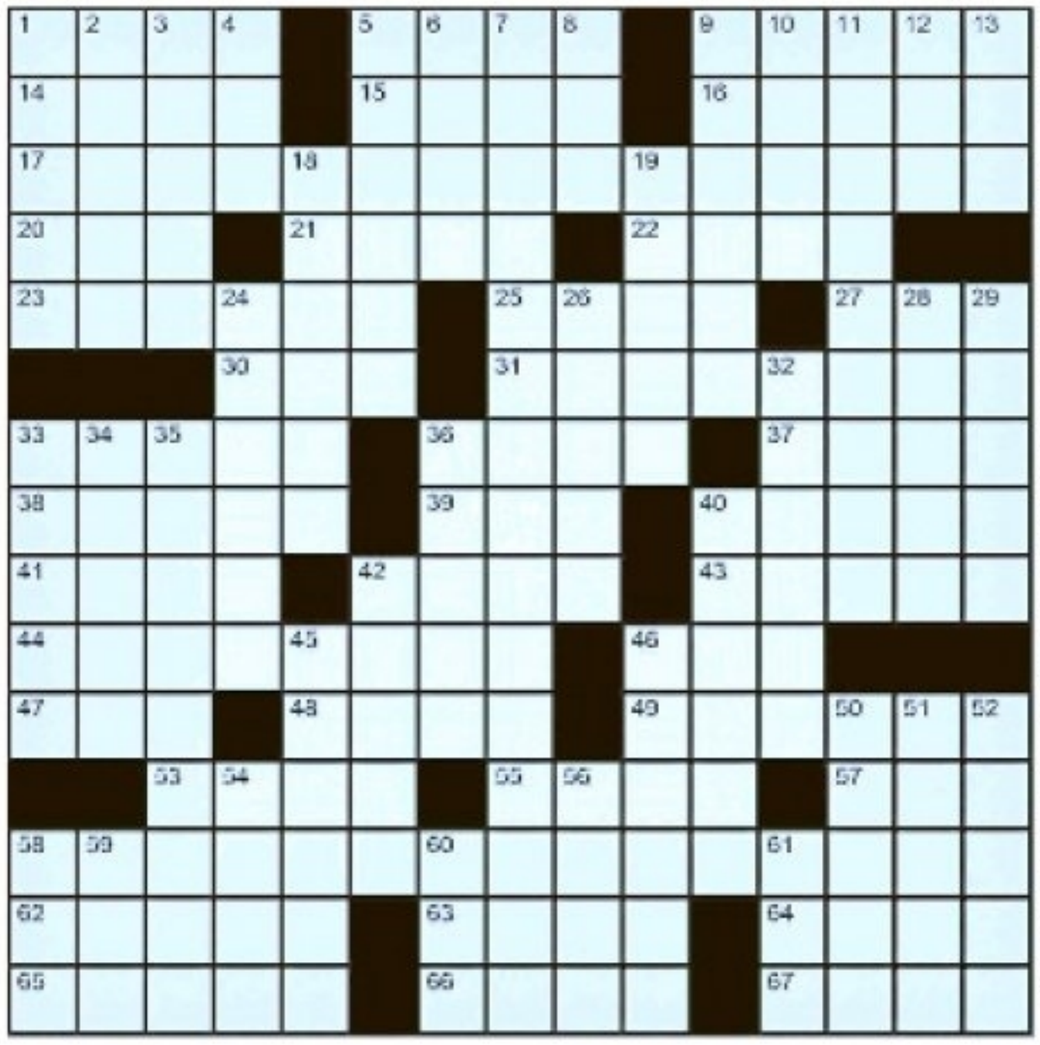
3. Turn your oven onto broil. Cut bread into 1-inch thick slices. Cut as many slices as bowls of soup you'll be serving. Lay them on a cookie sheet and put a layer of the cheese mix on each piece. Broil in oven until cheese melts and bread is golden brown.

4. Remove bread from oven and cut into pieces. Ladle the soup into bowls and top with a slice of bread's worth of croutons.

FOR MORE MEAL IDEAS, VISIT SWEETPOTATOCHRONICLES.COM

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Club drink
5. Abundant
9. Eclipse variety
14. Above
15. Adjoin
16. Cartoon style of Japan
17. Like a movie or TV production with an East Coast setting, maybe: 3 wds.
20. Carpenter _
21. Conceal
22. Intensely dislike
23. Harvester
25. Space: Primordial matter
27. Li'l photo taker
30. Entries
31. Item worn under a sheer blouse
33. Newfoundland's _ Banks
36. Novembre, par exemple
37. Rapper, T-_
38. Sloughs off, States-style
39. Every
40. Chatters
41. X-_ knife
42. NBC personality Ms. Kotb
43. Milo of "Romeo and Juliet" (1968)
44. Wintertime hazard: 2 wds.
46. "The _ of Us" (1994)
47. Mr. David of "Curb Your Enthusiasm", to pals
48. Put on _ _ (Complete the suit look)
49. Ludicrous
53. South's opposite ...as a typo
55. Singer sampled on Eminem's "Stan"
57. Philosopher, _-tzu
58. Realm for Canadian food brands Clover Leaf and Brunswick: 2 wds.
62. 'Weird Al' Yankovic spoof hit: 2 wds.
63. Indigo dye
64. Bark's coveree
65. Rosebud, and others
66. Ms. Hudson
67. Wool

DOWN
1. Up to now: 2 wds.
2. Sheep-like
3. Northwest Territories... Mackenzie _
4. Fortify
5. Devices for detecting
6. 'Sacred' bird of ancient Egypt
7. 1989 chart-topper for American rapper Tone-Loc: 3 wds.
8. Shakespearean suffix
9. Submarine meat layer
10. Taking action: 2 wds.
11. Pro to counsel with about goals and challenges: 2 wds.
12. "I _ _ Thief" (1934) starring Mary Astor
13. Pal to Fido or Rover
18. Alters the text
19. "Pardon me..." [pl.]
24. Patchy-coated horses
26. "Dancing with the Stars" alum Ms. Ali
28. Similar
29. High IQ society
32. Cramps
33. Google service
34. Mo _ (Correspondent on CBS' "Sunday Morning")
35. Interchange
36. New Zealand language
40. BC: Community on Cowichan Lake
42. _-_-trot
45. Futuristic cards at the carnival
46. Aerosmith: "Back in the _"
50. Ne plus _ (Perfection)
51. Less grilled at the steakhouse
52. Respected group member
54. Wizard _ _ (Comic strip)
56. 'A.' of Vivica A. Fox or 'J.' of Michael J. Fox, briefly
58. The Outsiders author Ms. Hinton's
59. 'Ether' ender
60. Fargo, North _,
61. Farm enclosure

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
An unexpected flirtation with a boss or someone in authority might occur today. Certainly, right out of the blue, people in power are impressed with you for some reason!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Unexpected opportunities to travel might fall into your lap today. Act quickly, because this window of opportunity will be brief. Flirtations with someone different also might excite you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Surprise gifts, goodies and favors from others can come your way today. If this happens, say "yes" — quickly! Keep your pockets open

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A friend or partner might please you in an unexpected way today. He or she might even sweep you off your feet. Be open to whatever happens.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Unexpected praise and possibly a raise will come your way at work today. For some reason, people admire you. Just say, "Thank you!" This is your good fortune.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A surprise invitation to a fun event will please you today. Likewise, an unexpected flirtation might amaze you. Sports events will have unexpected results. Meanwhile, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids, be vigilant.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might unexpectedly entertain at home today, or you might buy something beautiful for your home. Real-estate opportunities look good as well.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is an enjoyable, exciting day because you're meeting new people and seeing new places. You're also full of clever, bright new ideas! It's a strong day for writers, salespeople, actors and teachers.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Many of you will see ways to boost your income today or to make money down the road. Trust your moneymaking ideas. (You might even get a raise.)

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is an exciting, social day for you! You're ready for adventure and something different, which is why you are attracted to people who are unusual. Stay flexible today.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Secrets might be revealed today. Something unexpected is taking place behind the scenes. Because you sense this, you feel a bit restless and excited.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You might meet someone new today who is bohemian or avant-garde. Or perhaps someone you already know will do something that completely amazes you!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

Every row, column and box contains 1-9

3								2
		6			9			
			4	2		7	8	
8					5			
		9		4		1		
			2					4
	2	5		9	1			
			5			3		
1								5

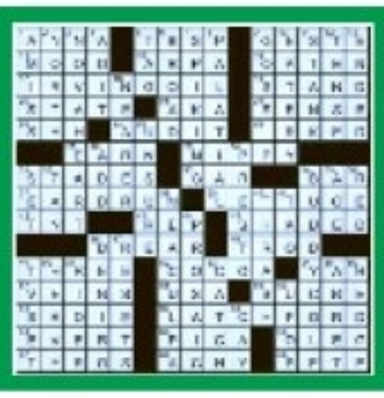
©2016 Conceptis Puzzles, Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

$1,800 WEIGHT LOSS GRANT
Have More than 20 lbs to Lose? Apply Today!
www.weightlossgrants.org
Visit www.weightlossgrants.org for full details.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWERS

Your daily crossword and Sudoku answers from the play page.

for more fun and games go to metronews.ca/games



5	4	2	6	9	7	3	8	1
1	8	9	5	4	3	6	2	7
6	7	3	1	8	2	4	5	9
7	1	6	3	5	8	2	9	4
4	3	8	7	2	9	1	6	5
9	2	5	4	1	6	8	7	3
3	9	4	8	6	5	7	1	2
2	6	1	9	7	4	5	3	8
8	5	7	2	3	1	9	4	6

DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF BENEFITS

HOOK UP AND YOU'RE AUTOMATICALLY A MEMBER.

MEMBERS GET DEALS AT

H&M STARBUCKS FLIGHT CENTRE + MORE

BONUS 1GB OF DATA

+ UNLIMITED CANADA-WIDE TALK.

virginmobile.ca

Virgin mobile

IT'S BETTER TO BE A MEMBER

Order online at virginmobile.ca, call 1.855.BE.VM.VIP or stop by to say hi.

Virgin mobile · THE SOURCE · WIRELESSWAVE · Tbooth wireless · wireless

Current as of November 29, 2016. Available with select plans on 30 day or 2-year agreements. One-time connection charge ($15) applies to new activations or hardware upgrades. Services available with compatible devices. Monthly 9-1-1 fees apply in: AB (44¢), NB (53¢), NL (75¢), NS (43¢), PEI (70¢), SK (62¢) and QC (46¢). Taxes extra. Other conditions apply. Offers and Member Benefits subject to change/cancellation at any time without notice. See your Agreement for details. Other restrictions apply; see virginmobile.ca for details. Canada-Wide calling applies to calls made from Canada to a Canadian number or calls received from any number while you are inside Canada. Screen image simulated. Samsung images; © 2016 Samsung Electronics Canada, Inc. All rights reserved. Samsung and Samsung Galaxy S7 are trademarks of Samsung Electronics Canada, Inc., and/or its related entities, used with pennission. All rights reserved. The VIRGIN trademark and family of associated marks are owned by Virgin Enterprises Limited and used under license. All other trademarks are trademarks of Virgin Mobile Canada or trademarks and property of the respective owners. © 2016 Virgin Mobile.